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# CATHOLIC CALENDAR



The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

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## Seventeen ordained to permanent diaconate

LAKE CHARLES – In a historical liturgical celebration, Bishop Glen John Provost ordained 17 men to the permanent diaconate for service in various parishes of the Diocese. It was the largest number, priests or deacons, ever ordained in the local church of Southwest Louisiana.

The ordination concluded a five-year long journey of education and discernment for the men, hailing from 14 parishes.

In his homily, Bishop Provost spoke of the martyrdoms of Pope Saint Sixtus II and four deacons of Rome in the year 258. “On the orders of Emperor Valerian, Roman soldiers put Sixtus and the deacons to death while they were celebrating Mass in the catacomb of Saint Callistus,” Bishop Provost said. “The blood of martyrs was shed while they offered the blood of Christ.”

The Bishop then quoted the conclusion of a letter of Bishop Cyprian of Carthage, confirming the persecution, “[May those who will suffer persecution] think not of death but rather of deathless eternity and, being devoted to the service of the Lord with full faith and complete courage, they should not be fearful but rather joyful at this, the hour of their confession, for they know that during it soldiers of God and of Christ are not slain but crowned.”

Bishop Provost continued, saying, “There is little doubt in my mind that the words of our Lord echoed in the minds and hearts of these early martyrs. ‘Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life.’

“To be ordained a deacon is by definition to live a life of service,” the Bishop said. “This service is not always a neat little package of daily routines for which the grateful recipients will offer appropriate thanks. Those who know history know better. The martyrs teach another lesson. Those who make of their lives a total gift accept also the reversals that will come. They focus on another world. They are the seed planted to die. They think of ‘deathless eternity.’ They give thanks to God for His benefits and accept His will even when it requires everything from them.”

Concluding, the Bishop said. “To the deacons being ordained today I say: love Jesus, pray always, be courageous, look for an eternal goal, and follow the witness of the saints.”

Before the final blessing, Deacon George Stearns, the Diocesan Chancellor, read the official decree of pastoral assignments for the new deacons: Rev. Deacon Josue Canelo, Saint Henry, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Erroll Deville, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Richard Donahoe, Saint Martin de Porres, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Christopher Fontenot, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Dan Foreman, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur; Rev. Deacon Chris Gregory, Immaculate Conception, Sulphur; Rev. Deacon Michael Guillory, Saint Paul, Elton; Rev. Deacon Leo Hebert, Saint Theodore, Moss Bluff; Rev. Deacon Patrick Hebert, Saint Henry, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Jesse Menard, Saint Joseph, Vinton; Rev. Deacon Harold Nixon, Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Tony Pousson, Saint Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles; Rev. Deacon Brian Soileau, Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale; Rev. Deacon Stephen Starr, Saint Raphael, Iowa; Rev. Deacon Al

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## Bishop’s Gala tickets on sale

LAKE CHARLES – The Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra will provide smooth “Big Band” sounds at the Third Annual Bishop’s Gala on Saturday, Dec. 13, in the Lake Charles Civic Center, according to Msgr. Daniel Torres, V.G. and Msgr. Ronald Groth, Gala co-chairman.

The orchestra is led by Bill Tole and features vocalist Nancy Knorr. Tole has been the leader of the orchestra since Jan. 1, 2002. He is very much in demand as a soloist, teacher and clinician in the United States and plays a Getzen trombone model 3508 and/or a King 2B PLUS, with a Warburton mouthpiece model 11M-T4. He has performed in Great Britain, Australia and Japan as a clinician and lecturer as well as in concert as a featured soloist.

Last year’s Gala raised \$63,193.47 to support the ministries of the diocesan Office of Communications.

Tickets are \$125 each and a table for 10 can be purchased for \$1,250. They are available in the parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles, at the Chancery at 414 Iris Street, Crossroads Bookstore, 701 W. Prien Lake Road, and on the website of the Diocese. To buy tickets on the website,

using your credit card or e-check, go the [lcdiocese.org](http://lcdiocese.org) and click the “Support the Diocese” button on the front page., then the “Bishop’s Gala Tickets” link, and follow the easy instructions.

Special sponsorship opportunities include a Bishop’s Table for a contribution of \$30,000. For the donation, eight individuals receive dinner with Bishop Glen John Provost at the Gala with Concierge Service; special individual gifts; special mention in the Gala Program and from the bandstand that evening; and attendance at the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public, including a photograph with Bishop Glen John Provost. In addition, they will be honored at a special Thank You dinner on a to-be-determined date at *L’Évêché*, the Bishop’s Residence.

Other levels of sponsorship are also available including Platinum, Gold, Silver, and Crystal. Multiple numbers of these sponsorships are available.

Platinum Sponsors will receive two tables for 10, special individual gifts, special mention in the Gala program

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In the largest ordination event in the history of the Diocese of Lake Charles, Bishop Glen John Provost ordained 17 men as permanent deacons on Saturday, August 16, in Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Pictured above, with Bishop Provost, following the Mass are, first row, Deacon Erroll DeVille, Deacon Richard Donahoe, Deacon Leo Hebert, Deacon Stephen Starr; second row Deacon Glen Bertrand, Deacon Michael Guillory, Deacon Josue Canelo, Deacon Anthony Pousson, Deacon Brian Soileau, Deacon Chris Gregory; third row, Deacon Jesse Menard, Deacon Albert Weinnig, Deacon Harold Nixon, Deacon Dan Foreman, Deacon Patrick Hebert, Deacon Christopher Fontenot, and Deacon Keith Ellender.

## St. Pius X Parish established

RAGLEY – His Excellency, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, was the principal celebrant of the Mass on Sunday, August 17, in St. Pius X Catholic Church, where the establishment of St. Pius X as the 39th canonical parish of the Diocese of Lake Charles was made known. Father Ruben Buller, Director of the Office of Liturgy and Master of Ceremonies for the Bishop, read the Decree of Establishment.

The Decree became effective on Thursday, August 21, the Memorial of Pope St. Pius X, with Rev. Timothy Goodly, who concelebrated the Mass, as the founding pastor. He will also have pastoral responsibility for the mission church of St. Maurice in Reeves, even though the mission will remain within the canonical boundaries of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder.

Concelebrating the Mass was Rev. Msgr. Charles Dubois, pastor-emeritus of St. Theodore, which had had pastoral responsibility for St. Pius X Mission since 1999. Other concelebrants were Rev. Whitney Miller, Rev. Don Piraro, and Rev. John Huckaby, pastor of St. Theodore.

There has been a faith-filled Catholic community in the southern area of the civil parish of Beauregard for many years. In 1957, the family of William and Agnes Habetz donated two acres of land along U.S. Highway 171 to build a church. A wood-frame building was constructed and in December of 1957, the first Mass was celebrated at the mission church of St. Pius X by Rev. Eugene Veillard, M.S. The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, dedicated the church on Feb. 16, 1958.

With the community grow-



Members of St. Pius X Catholic Church of Ragley applaud the announcement that the establishment of the church as the 39th canonical parish in the Diocese of Lake Charles. Bishop Glen John Provost was the celebrant of the Mass on Sunday, Aug. 17, at which the Decree of Establishment, which became effective, on Thursday, Aug. 21, the Memorial of Pope St. Pius X, was announced.

ing, served by the LaSalette priests of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy, the need for a multi-purpose building was evident and a 900 square foot structure was built in 1960, only to be enlarged to 1,800 square feet in 1975.

As the area’s Catholic population continued to expand, permission was given to build a new chapel and the first Mass celebrated on May 30, 1980 by Rev. Roland Bernier, M.S., the pastor of Our Lady of LaSalette. Bishop

Jude Speyrer, the founding Bishop of the Diocese of Lake Charles, dedicated the new church and education building on Nov. 9, 1980.

Further improvements for the ever enlarging faith community of St. Pius X continued with construction of a hall and education building, which was completed in August 1996.

St. Pius X becomes the second canonical parish domiciled in Beauregard Parish, joining St. Joseph Catholic Church of DeRidder.

Parishes were last established by Bishop Edward K. Braxton in November 2002 with St. Martin de Porres Catholic Church and Christ the King Catholic Church, both in south Lake Charles. They had previously been mission churches of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. Before that, Bishop Speyrer established St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Fenton, previously a mission of St. Philip Neri Catholic Church of Kinder, in November 1983.

## Humanitarian collection Sept. 27-28

LAKE CHARLES – A special collection for Catholic Relief Services to provide humanitarian support for those affected by the horrific violence being perpetrated in Iraq, Syria, and Gaza will be taken up in the Diocese of Lake Charles and in dioceses around the United States on the weekend of September 27-28.

Bishop Provost urges the Catholic faithful of the Diocese and all people of goodwill to be generous in this effort.

# Communications survey a success

LAKE CHARLES – More than 700 individuals took part in the recent survey organized by the Office of Communications of the Diocese of Lake Charles. In taking the survey, the 721 participants helped the Office determine how the public currently accesses information about the diocese. The public's response to the survey, done either by mailing a hard copy of the completed survey or by taking the survey on the diocesan website exceeded expectations. Respondents' comments requested new means of catechesis and communication alongside traditional means. A majority of the respondents was above age 60, but all age groups were represented. Interest in receiving diocesan communications. Data shows that certain forms of communication are more effective at reaching particular age groups than others. Traditional forms of communication are most effective for

older age groups, while activity and communication in all fields decrease with age. In all age groups, there are extremely high levels of interest for "new evangelization" forms of media. Current communication efforts by the Diocese of Lake Charles include: the monthly publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in the Lake Charles American Press, the *Jennings Daily News*, the *Beauregard Daily News*, *The Southwest Daily News*, and the *Cameron Pilot*. Each Sunday morning at 6 a.m., the television program, *Glad Tidings*, airs KPLC-TV. The diocesan website - [www.lcdiocese.org](http://www.lcdiocese.org) - features numerous news and information items as well as digital copies of the *Catholic Calendar* and current *Glad Tidings* programs and along with a video archive of past shows. The celebration of the 9:30 a.m. Sunday Holy Mass from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception airs on radio stations 1470 AM and 1290 AM.

# U.S. bishops recall 'heroic history' of Civil Rights Act

WASHINGTON (CNS) -- In a statement marking the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called the legislation a "monumental step forward" but added that there is "still much work to do." "The act itself did not eradicate racial discrimination and injustice. In fact, there are reminders across our nation today that the embers of racial discrimination still smolder," said the Sept. 9 statement issued by Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz of Louisville, Kentucky. The statement was issued on the memorial of St. Peter Claver, a Jesuit priest canonized in 1888 and known as the patron of African missions and interracial justice because of his work with slaves in Colombia. The archbishop stressed the need to "continue to work against the destructive influence of racism on families, religious and civil communities, employment, the prison system, housing, hunger, educational achievement, and mental health." He paid tribute to men and women who made personal sacrifices and endured hardship to stand up for "racial justice against bigotry, violence, ignorance, and fear" in their work for civil rights. He

also said he was "especially grateful for the vital contributions of the faith community during this period" noting that many "priests and religious sisters and brothers shared their faith with the African-American community by their presence, faithful witness, and Gospel-inspired service." Archbishop Kurtz also said the U.S. bishops joined their predecessors "who repeatedly spoke against racism." In the 1963 statement "On Racial Harmony," the bishops condemned segregation saying it "implies that people of one race are not fit to associate with another." They also said "discrimination based on the accidental fact of race or color ... cannot be reconciled with the truth that God has created all men with equal rights and equal dignity." The 2014 statement notes that church leaders, including Archbishops Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis, Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington and Joseph F. Rummel of New Orleans and Cardinal Lawrence J. Shehan of Baltimore, worked in the mid-20th century to desegregate Catholic schools, hospitals and other institutions, "clearly signaling by their words and actions that racial discrimination has no place in the church or in society."

# Prayer for Safety in Hurricane Season

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles, has asked that during the hurricane season of 2014 the people of the Diocese of Lake Charles pray the following prayer, composed in 1957 by The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder, Second Bishop of Lafayette, following Hurricane Audrey:

O God, Master of this passing world, hear the humble voices of your children. The Sea of Galilee obeyed your order and returned to its former quietude.

You are still the Master of the land and sea. We live in the shadow of a danger over which we have no control: the Gulf, like a provoked and angry giant, can awake from its seeming lethargy, and overstep its conventional boundaries, invade our land and spread chaos and disaster.

During this hurricane season we turn to You, O loving Father. Spare us from past tragedies whose memories are still so vivid and whose wounds seem to refuse to heal with the passing of time. O Virgin, Star of the Sea, Our Beloved Mother, we ask you to plead with your Son in our behalf, so that spared from the calamities common to this area and animated with a true spirit of gratitude, we will walk in the footsteps of your Divine Son to reach the heavenly Jerusalem where a stormless eternity awaits us. Amen.

The Most Reverend Maurice Schexnayder  
Second Bishop of Lafayette

# PLANTING THE SEED

# Pope to attend Meeting of Families

Next year at this time, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host the VIII World Meeting of Families—Philadelphia 2015. The "Meeting of Families" is a tri-annual international event sponsored by the Church in an effort to strengthen the family worldwide. Pope Francis has indicated that he will attend. Scheduled for September 22 thru 27, 2015, the theme for the "Meeting of Families" will be: "Love is our mission: the family fully alive."

This international gathering to promote family life was begun by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1994 with the first "Meeting of Families" in Rome. Archbishop Charles Chaput of Philadelphia has proclaimed Pope Saint John Paul II as the patron saint for the occasion, along with another great modern-day saint of the family, Saint Gianna Beretta Molla. Saint Gianna was a pediatrician and mother of four, best known for her selfless love as a mother, giving up her own life while giving birth to her fourth child in 1962.

I cannot emphasize enough the importance of prayer in the life of the family. Prayer turns our attention to what really matters, helps focus our lives, and calls the family to return to its center. In this sense prayer goes hand in hand with the inner life of the family. The primary reason for this is the other-directedness of the family. This attention to the "other" stems from two aspects that form the family: "male/female" and "parent/child."

This sense of "other" in the family was a major theme of an address given by the personal representative of Pope Francis to the 2014 International Day of Families, Archbishop Vincenzo Paglia. He emphasized that we speak a great deal today about "development" but we must equally restate that it is the family that makes development possible. The family develops by forming us to be directed to the "other." Archbishop Paglia said: "When we look only for someone who is like us, we avoid any confrontation with 'otherness,' and life becomes one big hall of mirrors, one big echo chamber. In the family, however, the 'other' cannot be ignored. The family—a male/female and parent/child—is a unique social structure, a very

special school of education in 'otherness.' In that sense, it is not only a resource, it is as well a flowing spring that empowers social interaction between us and those who are different from us, but without swallowing up our differences." Much could be said about this sense of "otherness," but I think that it invites us to consider the centrality of prayer in family life.

Consider for a moment the family at prayer. I would hope that our families set time aside every day for prayer. With the demands placed upon us by hectic schedules and constant distractions, probably the best time for this prayer is early in the morning, while we are preparing for the day, or in the evening, when concluding our activities. Regardless, when the family comes to prayer—which may be a family rosary or a reading of the Gospel of the day with quiet reflection—the family brings to that prayer all of its concerns.

Let us be frank. Not a day goes by that a family does not experience some disagreement or even argument. That's life. While kneeling in prayer with family members, these differences and points of contention are absorbed in the presence of the truly "Other," who is God. The thoughts and concerns of the family are taken away from a selfish attraction to the individual and focused on the God whom we should love above all things and our neighbor whom we should love as we ourselves.

With this in mind, I offer to you and your families a "Prayer for the Family." When I announced this whenever a family devoutly prays this prayer they may receive spiritual benefits. May our families see these blessings increase in their lives. The prayer is as follows:



**Bishop Glen John Provost**

# Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, You willed that man and woman should be one and that from this union should come children to enrich the human family. You also willed that Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, would establish the Sacrament of Matrimony, which is, as the Sacred Scriptures reveal it, a holy image of the union between Christ and His Church. Through these profound mysteries, deeply rooted in Your Divine Intention, our family comes into existence, a sign of Your abiding love and its fulfillment in Eternal Life.

Bless our family. Since we often fail to live the ideal of our vocation, we beg You to help us. Grant us grace to overcome selfishness, to extend forgiveness, and to foster patience. Protect us in our struggle with disruptions to family life, with human pride, and with lack of generosity. Bring peace to parents who worry and direction to children who wander. Comfort the members of our family weakened by age and infirmity. Guide families who strive for unity and those divided by separation. Direct them to rest in Your Will and to resolve their difficulties.

We humbly ask the intercession of Mary, our mother, and of St. Joseph, the faithful husband, and of Sts. Joachim and St. Ann, the venerable grandparents, who became a holy family to Your Son. May our prayers be united to theirs through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Fall schedule at Saint Charles Center

MOSS BLUFF – The fall schedule of events for Saint Charles Center is highlighted by "Oremus, A Guide to Catholic Prayer" Series, facilitated by Father Whitney Miller, the Director of Saint Charles Center.

The four evenings of the program take place on Sept. 23 and 30 and Oct. 14 and 21 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Topics on Evening #1 - "What is Prayer?" and "Before You Pray;" Evening #2 - "Lectio Divina" and "Relational Prayer;" Evening #3 - "Spiritual Senses" and "Discernment in Prayer;" and Evening #4 - "Dealing with Distractions" and "Desolation and Consolation."

The *Oremus* study program teaches the essentials of an effective and fruitful spiritual life. Over the course of the four-evening series discover how God speaks to us, even in the smallest encounters. Following the traditions of the Catholic Church and the wisdom of the saints, learn how to express yourself to God in prayer, and how to hear God's voice. This is one of the recommended adult education series being made available throughout the Diocese for those catechists working toward certification as well as an excellent opportunity for any and all of the adult faithful to grow in prayer and learn more about the rich heritage of Catholic spirituality.

The suggested donation for each evening is \$20. Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com). Registration deadlines are the Fridays before each class - September 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 10, and Oct. 17.

Barbara Tomme and Charlotte Hine will present a Centering Prayer Workshop on Saturday, October 4 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Tabor Retreat House of Saint Charles Center.

Centering Prayer is a method of prayer to reduce the obstacles to "resting in God" and facilitates the development of Contemplative Prayer. Centering Prayer builds on other forms of prayer and is a natural path for deepening one's relationship with God. Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com). The deadline to register is Wednesday, Oct. 1, and the suggested donation is \$25.00 per person.

On Tuesday, Oct. 21, Sr. Diane Depwe will present "Good vs. Evil" from 6 to 9 p.m. Using excerpts from the movie "The Devil's Advocate," Sr. Diane will discuss our journey through life following "The God life vs. Satan's lies and enticements." Attendees should to bring their bible. Call (337) 855-1232 or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) by Friday, October 17, to register. Suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

The Dedication of the Memorial Courtyard at Tabor Retreat House will begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, November 4 – the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo – and led by Bishop Glen John Provost. There will be an Evening Prayer Service, followed by the ritual of dedication and a reception in Brulet Dining Hall. All are invited to attend and participate. Memorial bricks are still available for those who might want to be part of this worthwhile project. Each brick will be engraved with the name of your choice, either your own family's name or in honor and in memory of a loved one. Call (337) 855-1232 for more information on this lasting legacy of support for the Center's Maintenance Fund. Order online at [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com).

Father Miller will facilitate an Evening of Reflection on "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius: Prayers, Poems and Reflections" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11.

Saint Charles Center offers Private Directed Retreats three times per year as an opportunity for continued growth in the spiritual life. These retreats are based upon the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. This Evening of Reflection will provide background material and an overview of Ignatian spirituality.

Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com). The deadline is Friday, November 7 and the suggested dona-

tion is \$20.00 per person.

The annual Fall Women's Silent Retreat, sponsored by the women of St. John Vianney Parish in Bell City is Friday, Nov. 14 to Sunday, Nov. 16. This year's program - "A Call to Perseverance" - will be led by Ms. Gwin Miller-Cronin, Ms. Gloria Vanderwall, and Fr. Miller.

This silent retreat is open to any and all women who may wish to participate and inspired by a reading from Hebrews 10: 19-23, a call to perseverance. This weekend's conferences will emphasize methods of prayer and strategies in life to develop, maintain and enhance balance in all areas of life but particularly physical, emotional and spiritual areas. There will be opportunities for private prayer, group prayer and guidance. As "lagniappe," a juicing demonstration will be provided with taste testing for all those who choose to experience God's bounty of vegetables and fruit in a cup!

The suggested donation for this retreat is \$170.00 for a private room and \$150.00 each for shared accommodations. Contact Julie Racca at (337) 622-3255, Sheri Harrington at (337) 477-5184, the Center Office at (337) 855-1232 or [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) to register. Scholarship information is available upon request.

Sr. Diane Depwe will present "Saving America" on Tuesday, November 18 from 6 to 9 p.m.

Register by calling (337) 855-1232 or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) by Friday, November 14. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

The Spiritual Book Club, led by Fr. Don Piraro, will read Jesus, *A Pilgrimage* by James Martin, S.J., and meet from 6 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 18.

The Spiritual Book is an informal group of women and men who read a good book and come together to eat dinner and discuss the selection. Fr. Martin is probably the best selling Catholic religious book author today. Call (337) 855-1232 to register or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) by Friday, November 14. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

An Advent Evening of Reflection – "Prepare Your Heart for a Spirit-filled Celebration: A *Mary's Christmas*" will be presented by Pat Fox on Tuesday, December 2 from 6 to 9 p.m. Call (337) 855-1232 to register or [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) by Friday, November 28. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

Sr. Diane Depwe invites participants in "Angels: Past, Present and Future" to take a journey in scripture and in their own personal lives regarding angels on Tuesday, December 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. and all are urged to bring their Bible.

Call (337) 855-1232 or visit [stcharlescenter.com](http://stcharlescenter.com) by Friday, December 5. The suggested donation is \$20.00 per person.

Fr. Miller, Fr. Piraro, Judy Savoie and Gloria Villegas will direct Private Directed Retreats from Monday, December 15 through Sunday, December 21. The directed retreat is a form of silent retreat based on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius of Loyola focusing on the personal exerciser of the individual. There are no group activities or conferences other than daily Eucharist and an individual daily meeting with the director. The retreatants spend about four hours in contemplative prayer each day of the retreat. The retreatant may choose to do three or five days. For more information or to register, participants must call the Center at (337) 855-1232. Scholarship assistance is available upon request.

The same group of leaders will offer An Introduction to the Directed Retreat over the weekend of Friday, December 19 to Sunday, December 21. The weekend helps the retreatant learn the prayer technique and prepares the person for the longer retreat.

Participants must call the Center to register at (337) 855-1232. Scholarship assistance available upon request.



## Decree of Announcement of the Diaconal Assignments And the Creation of a New Vicariate Forane

I, The Most Reverend Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles,  
Hereby announce the Diaconal Assignments  
For the Year Two thousand and Fourteen  
For the Diocese of Lake Charles, Louisiana:

Effective August 16, 2014:

Rev. Deacon Josue Canelo	Saint Henry, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Erroll Deville	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Richard Donahoe	Saint Martin de Porres, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Christopher Fontenot	Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Dan Foreman	Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur
Rev. Deacon Chris Gregory	Immaculate Conception, Sulphur
Rev. Deacon Michael Guillory	Saint Paul, Elton
Rev. Deacon Leo Hebert	Saint Theodore, Moss Bluff
Rev. Deacon Patrick Hebert	Saint Henry, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Jesse Menard	Saint Joseph, Vinton
Rev. Deacon Harold Nixon	Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Tony Pousson	Saint Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles
Rev. Deacon Brian Soileau	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale
Rev. Deacon Stephen Starr	Saint Raphael, Iowa
Rev. Deacon Al Weinnig	Saint Joseph, DeRidder
Rev. Deacon Keith Ellender	Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, Carlyss
Rev. Deacon Glen Bertrand	Saint Joseph, DeRidder

Furthermore, I hereby announce the establishment of a new Vicariate Forane, the South Deanery, effective August 21, 2014. The South Deanery shall be composed of canonical parishes already located in the Central and Western Deaneries. They are: Saint Eugene in Grand Chenier; Sacred Heart in Creole; Our Lady Star of the Sea in Cameron; Our Lady of the Lake in Big Lake and Saint Patrick Mission in Sweet Lake; Christ the King in Lake Charles; Saint John Vianney in Bell City.

The Reverend Anthony Fontenot will be the First Vicar Forane for the South Deanery.

Signed at the Chancery in Lake Charles, Louisiana under Our Seal the twelfth day of August in the Year of our Lord, 2014.

The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

The Reverend Deacon George Stearns  
Chancellor

# Catholic Schools open



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First day enrollment in the seven Catholic schools in the Diocese of Lake Charles numbered 2,510, according to the Office of Catholic Schools. In photo 1, Father Charles McMillin, pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church in Jennings welcomes students to the opening day of classes at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School on Friday, Aug. 8. In photo 2, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic School cheerleaders pass out pencils to arriving students on the first day of classes in the new middle school building located on West Claude Street. In photo 3, the faculty and student body of St. Louis Catholic High School took part in spiritually uplifting opening day assembly in the school's gym, led by new principal, Deacon Christopher Fontenot. Photo 4 shows Father William Miller, pastor of St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, as he blesses one of the classrooms in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic School. Father Miller blessed all St. Margaret students, classrooms, and faculty on the first day of school, Thursday, Aug. 14.

## Companions of Honor Memorial Mass Oct. 11

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will celebrate the annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Companions of Honor, especially those who have died over the past year, Saturday, Oct. 11, at 11 a.m. in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception.

During the Prayer of the Faithful, the most recently deceased will be specifically remembered.

Father Wayne LeBleu will conduct a Morning of Reflection for current Companions, speaking on "Reflections of Eucharistic The-

ology," from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Cathedral.

Following the Mass, a luncheon and business meeting will be held in the Assembly Room of Chancery, 414 Iris Street, one block south of the Cathedral.

The Companions of Honor is an organization made up of clergy, religious, and laity who have been decorated by the Holy See or the Diocese of Lake Charles, plus those Catholic members of internationally recognized Orders of Chivalry residing in the Diocese.

## Louisiana Bishops speak out on try to reverse Hobby Lobby decision

Last month, the U.S. Senate tried to do something Congress has never done before – pass legislation designed to reduce Americans' religious freedom. This should be a grave concern to all who value our fundamental freedoms.

The new threat is a bill called the "Protect Women's Health From Corporate Interference Act" (S. 2578). Supporters say it would reverse the U.S. Supreme Court's Hobby Lobby decision, so for-profit corporations can be forced to cover "contraceptives" (including potentially abortifacient drugs) in their health plans despite their religious objections.

In fact the bill is much broader. It states that when the federal government decides to mandate any item in health plans nationwide, no one has a right to object that it violates their religion. The government mandate will override "any other provision of federal law" that stands in the way – whether that law protects for-profit employers, non-profit charitable organizations like the Little Sisters of the Poor, insurers, employees, or individual women purchasing health care for their families on our state health exchange. Just as contraceptives have been mandated as a "preventive service" to avert pregnancy, coverage for all abortions, including late-term abortions, could be mandated to avoid live births – and any federal law protecting conscience on abortion would be null and void.

nation over the moral and legal status of abortion, American lawmakers have generally been able to agree that the government should not force people to take part in such evils. Here in Louisiana, health care providers are protected from being required to violate their conscience on abortion or abortifacient drugs. The new bill is a radical departure from this tradition.

Last month the Senate narrowly failed to achieve the 60 votes needed to advance S. 2578, but it can be taken up again when Congress resumes its work in September. We encourage all of those who care about freedom of conscience, Catholic and non-Catholic alike, to urge our federal lawmakers to oppose this and similar legislation. We need more respect for religious freedom in our nation, not less.

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*The above statement was released by the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops - Most Rev. Gregory M. Aymond, Archbishop of New Orleans; Most Rev. Michael Jarrell, Bishop of Lafayette; Most Rev. Robert W. Muench, Bishop of Baton Rouge; Most Rev. Ronald P. Herzog, Bishop of Alexandria; Most Rev. Glen John Provost, Bishop of Lake Charles; Most Rev. Michael G. Duca, Bishop of Shreveport; and Most Rev. Shelton J. Fabre, Bishop of Houma-Thibodaux. Robert M. Tusman serves as the Executive Director of the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops, which is domiciled in Baton Rouge.*

## Forty Hours of Devotion in October

LAKE CHARLES – Forty Hours Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament, praying for an increase in vocations to the priesthood in the Diocese of Lake Charles, is in the Central Deanery during the month of October.

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church will be the site of Adoration Oct. 1-3, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Forty Hours Devotion at Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church is Monday,

Oct. 6 through Friday, Oct. 10. Our Lady Queen of Heaven has Perpetual Adoration in its day chapel.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church will host Adoration on Monday, Oct. 13 through Wednesday, Oct. 15, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. each day.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church will each host 20 hours of Adoration in their respective churches - Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 20-21, at Immaculate Heart from

7 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 22-23 at Sacred Heart of Jesus.

St. Raphael Catholic Church in Iowa will be the final site of Adoration for the month on Monday through Friday, Oct. 27-31. The time schedule is 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday; Wednesday, and Thursday; and 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Friday.

# COME AND SEE

## “Future-minded society,” always looking ahead

If someone were to offer me the chance to see a detailed outline of my life for the next 20 years, I would immediately jump at the opportunity. I imagine most people would enjoy seeing a snapshot of their future, just so they would have the security of what is to come and how to plan accordingly. Most members of society are usually looking a few steps ahead, whether it's as we add money to our retirement plans or just make vacation arrangements for the coming months. We are a “future-minded” society, asking ourselves what our next step will be nearly every day. Our culture lends itself to this. With a constantly changing news cycle bouncing through stories with real-time updates and the announcements of the next unveiling of a technological advancement, it is becoming increasingly more difficult to relish in the present moment and experience what is right in front of us. Instead, we are constantly caught up in answering, “What's to come?”

We ask ourselves this “what's next” question in the daily grind of work, school, family and social interactions, and we also ask this question in relation to our spiritual life. “What would you have me do next, Lord?” is a frequent question in my daily prayer. I attempt to ask it with an air of arrogant detachment, as if I'm trying to tell Jesus I'm not too interested (or worried) in His plans for my life, but merely curious. Of course, He knows the real anxiousness in my heart, because it's the same unease I'm wrought with in every other area of my meticulous preparations. Instead of living joyfully in the moment He has given me, and rather than appreciate the opportunities placed before me, I find myself unsettled and worrying about what I will do next in my jobs, with my friends and family, and ultimately for Him and the Church. We demand answers from God about our future and expect to receive an outline of His plans for us. When we don't get the five-star service we think we deserve, we foolishly try to convince ourselves that our own plans are fooling and we can do it without Him. If only we would realize that the plans God has for us are bigger and better than anything we could have come up with for ourselves.

There is a deep desire within us to follow and trust Christ, but we somehow make our own path and disregard His guidance. Rather than adopt a joyful attitude of trust in the ways of the Lord, we set out on our own. The “must plan all the things” mentality of our culture has infected us, the Church, and is poisoning our ability to trust in all His ways. Instead of trust, we doubt. Instead of responding to His numerous invitations, we question. Instead of accepting His gifts, we beg and whine for something else. We certainly want to know, love, and serve Jesus, but we often want to do it in our way, on our terms, when it's most convenient for us. We desire the plans of the Lord, but when we do not see a blueprint of the plans far in advance, we begin to make our own. The infection to arrange every detail of everything has spread to our relationship with Christ.

In the first chapter of the Gospel of John, two disciples of John the Baptist see Jesus one day and they approach Him to ask a question. “Where are you staying?” they inquire (John 1:38). These two faithful Jews anticipating the arrival of the Messiah, as preached about by their friend John the Baptist, were most certainly interested in Jesus' answer. Perhaps He would give them an itinerary for the next leg of His journey. Or maybe He would explain, in great detail, what the next three years of His public ministry would entail, including a preview of the gruesome death He would endure. With baited breath, these two would-be-followers await His answer. But Jesus does not give an agenda or a map. He does not explain who He is or what He will be doing. He looks at the two men and simply says, “Come and see” (John 1:39). An itinerary was sought and an invitation was given.

How often do we ask Christ where He is leading us, expecting detailed instructions to rival Google-Maps, and are in-



**Katie Prejean**

stead met with an extended hand and an invitation to journey with Him? These two men were asking a simple question and were instead given the chance to embark on what would prove to be the greatest adventure of their lives, 3 years journeying with the Word Made Flesh. And instead of grumbling about not knowing what was to come, these two men get up and go with Him! Jesus doesn't just tell us what He could do or what He wants us to do in the future – He does it, and then He shows us how to do it too. Jesus does not tell, He shows!

One of these men invited to “go see” where the Lord was staying was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. Not long after his encounter with Christ, Andrew goes to his fisherman brother and tells him, “We have found the Messiah,” and then brings Peter to Jesus (John 1:41). Andrew was profoundly changed by His encounter with the Lord and he was inspired to share that experience with others. An invitation to Andrew became an invitation to Peter, who then becomes the rock upon which the Church is built, the same Church that continues to invite anyone and everyone to an encounter with Christ today.

Jesus is not in the business of giving us detailed agendas. Instead, His desire is to invite us to an encounter with Him and to go on the great adventure of discipleship. Jesus teaches us radical trust in His will as He shows us His plan at the time and place He knows we need to see and experience it. As a new school year begins and we pull out our calendars and color-coordinate various activities, organize car-pools, and make the big plans we will adamantly stick to for the next few months, let us not forget to set aside the agenda when it comes to our relationship with Jesus. Don't look for an itinerary with Christ – pay attention instead to His invitation, and experience the transformation one can only receive in a personal and intimate encounter with the Lord.

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## Installation of new pastors in Diocese



New pastors, previously appointed by Bishop Glen John Provost, have taken their positions in the various parishes of the Diocese. Since July 1, a number of those local shepherds have been installed. This was done by Bishop Provost, the Dean of the deanery where the parish is located, or the Vicar General, Msgr. Daniel Torres. Pictured here six of those installations, specifically at the point in the liturgy where the pastor recites the Oath of Fidelity while his hand is placed on Holy Scripture. The new pastors, from top left moving clockwise, are Msgr. Jace Eskin at St. Martin de Porres, Father Tim Goodly at St. Pius X, Father Keith Pellerin at St. Philip Neri, Father Gijo Kkaramattom, H.G.N., at St. Peter the Apostle, Father Rommel Tolentino at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, and Father Alan Trouille at Our Lady of Seven Dolours.



Reverend Archimandrite Herbert J. May, pastor of Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church in Cameron and Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Creole blesses one of the fishing boats at the Friday start of the Cameron Saltwater Fishing Festival. Sponsored by Cameron Lions Club it is held on Friday, Saturday and Sunday of the first full weekend in August. Father May blessed the large number of vessels from Jetty Pier, located at the entrance to the Calcasieu Ship Channel from the Gulf of Mexico.

## “United Religions,” headed by Pope Francis, called for by Peres

VATICAN CITY (CNS) -- Former Israeli President Shimon Peres asked Pope Francis to head a parallel United Nations called the “United Religions” to counter religious extremism in the world today.

“In the past, most wars were motivated by the idea of nationhood. Today, however, wars are incited above all using religion as an excuse,” Peres told the Catholic magazine, *Famiglia Cristiana*, ahead of the papal meeting Sept. 4.

Jesuit Father Federico Lombardi, Vatican spokesman, confirmed that Peres, who ended his presidential term in July, had requested the meeting and told the pope about his idea.

The pope, however, did not commit himself to the proposal.

“The pope listened” to the idea just as he always does with any peace initiative, “showing his interest, his at-

tention and encouragement,” Father Lombardi said.

But “the pope does not personal commitment” and reminded Peres that the Vatican has the Pontifical Councils for Interreligious Dialogue and for Justice and Peace -- two offices “that are suitable” for supporting or following such initiatives, Father Lombardi said.

Pope Francis also met later in the day with Jordan's Prince El Hassan bin Talal, who, for the past four decades, has worked to promote interfaith understanding and dialogue around the world.

Father Lombardi said that meeting, the prince talked about the latest activities and “pressing issues” of the various initiatives supported by his Royal Institute for Inter-Faith Studies.

Father Lombardi said the pope's meeting with Peres lasted an unusually long 45 minutes, reflecting the pope's “esteem and appreciation” for Peres, whom he earlier praised as a “man of peace.”

The main focus of their talk was Peres' idea for a “United Religions” organization.

### Did you know...

St. Soter was Bishop of Rome for only about seven years, dying around 174 A.D. It is believed that it was he who formally introduced the annual celebration of Easter in Rome.

In the first five centuries of the Church, every man who served as Pope has been canonized, except for one. Do you know his name? Find out in our next Catholic Calendar, published on October 17.

# Bishop's Services Appeal begins this weekend

LAKE CHARLES – The annual Bishop's Services Appeal, the fundraising campaign to aid in the operation of various ministries and programs of the Diocese of Lake Charles, begins this weekend, Sept. 20-21, in the 39 church parishes of the Diocese.

The 2013-2014 campaign raised \$820,079.08 from the Catholic Faithful of the Diocese, or 102.5 percent of the \$800,000 overall goal. This compares to the \$634,377.47, or 105.7 percent contributed last year with a goal of \$600,000. This year's goal will again be \$800,000 in contributions and the Appeal will continue through the remainder of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 2015.

The Appeal theme for 2014-2015 – "We Live and Walk by the Spirit" – comes from a scriptural reference from Galatians 5:25.

Bishop Glen John Provost, in his message to the people of the Diocese about the Bishop's Services Appeal, encouraged everyone to be grateful for the working of the Holy Spirit.

"We need to celebrate the fruits of the Spirit in recent days," Bishop Provost said.

The Bishop pointed to the increase in the number of seminarians studying for the priesthood for the Diocese – now 16. This is the largest

group of men in discernment and training in the history of the local church.

"We know this is an answer to our prayer, especially with the Forty Hours Devotion that has faithfully been observed in all our parishes since 2007," Bishop Provost continued. "This is all the more reason to make an increased contribution to the Bishop's Services Appeal."

The larger number of seminarians also means an increase in the cost of their education – from \$316,000 in 2013-2014 to \$530,000 for this school year. "We must help prepare these new young men to serve us in the priesthood," Bishop Provost said.

The Bishop also pointed out that the Vianney House of Discernment has also been of great help in preparing men to make the decision to enter the seminary – eight so far.

Two religious sisters are now serving in important roles in the Diocese, both members of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan.

Sr. Mary Vianney Walsh, RSM, has been the director of the Office of Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana since January while Sr. Miriam MacLean, RSM, is the new director of the Office of Religious Education.

The opening of the Center

for Catholic Studies at Our Lady of Good Counsel was a joint effort of McNeese State University and Our Lady of Holy Cross College in New Orleans coordinated by the diocese.

Students will take Holy Cross courses, taught by local instructors, on such subjects as philosophy, Church history, and Sacred Scripture. "What a blessing for our lay people to enrich their lives by taking such courses for credit and then become better equipped to serve the Church," Bishop Provost said.

A number of other spiritual gifts rained down on the diocese in the past year, including the ordination of 17 men to the Permanent Diaconate. This group of deacons, representing 14 parishes, completed a five-year program of discernment and study enroute to their ordination by Bishop Provost on August 16.

The diocese welcomed another new staff member in July when Rickard Newman took over as the director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life and Pro Life.

To contribute to Bishop's Services Appeal, contact your parish church or Deacon Glen Bertrand, the Director of the Office of Development at 337-439-7400.



## DECREE

### TO ESTABLISH THE PARISH OF SAINT PIUS X

In order to better serve the spiritual needs of the People of God and for the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus Christ (cf. can. 383 §1), we have deemed it proper to establish and erect a new territorial parish (cf. can. 515). This new parish will retain the name of Saint Pius X which it possessed as a canonical mission church of Our Lady of LaSalette Parish in DeQuincy, Louisiana, and which was served pastorally by Saint Theodore Parish in Moss Bluff, Louisiana.

Therefore,

Having heard the Presbyteral Council on November 19, 2013,

I, Glen John Provost,  
By the grace of God and the Apostolic See  
Bishop of Lake Charles,  
Hereby decree that the Parish of

#### SAINT PIUS X

be and hereby is canonically established (cf. can. 122). The Parish of Saint Pius X shall include the eastern part of the former territory of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy, Louisiana. The boundaries are established according to the South Beauregard School District as presented by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury this twenty-first day of August, 2014:

All that certain tract of land containing approximately 320 square miles, more or less, representing the Canonical Parish Boundaries, and being situated in Township 4 South, Range 8 West, Township 4 South, Range 9 West, Township 5 South, Range 8 West, Township 5 South, Range 9 West, Township 6 South, Range 8 West, Township 6 South, Range 9 West, Township 6 South, Range 10 West, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, Township 7 South, Range 9 West, and Township 7 South, Range 10 West of the Southwestern Land District, Louisiana Meridian, Beauregard Parish, Louisiana, and being more particularly described as follows;

Beginning at the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 8 West, same being the Southeastern-most corner of Beauregard Parish, also being a common corner between Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes;

Thence Westerly, along the South line of Township 7 South, Range 8 West, and the Southeastern-most South line of Beauregard Parish, to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 9 West;

Thence continue Westerly, along the South line of said Township 7 South, Range 9 West, and said Southeastern-most South line of Beauregard Parish, to the Southeast corner of Section 36, Township 7 South, Range 10 West;

Thence continue Westerly, along the South line of said Township 7 South, Range 10 West, to the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 7 South, Range 10 West, same being a common corner to said Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes;

Thence leaving said Southeastern-most South line of Beauregard Parish, and run Northerly, along a common line between said Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes, to the Southwest corner of Section 34, Township 6 South, Range 10 West, same point being a common corner to said Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes;

Thence leaving said common line to Beauregard and Calcasieu Parishes, and continue Northerly, along the West line of Sections 10, 15, 22, 27, and 34, all in said Township 6 South, Range 10 West, to the Northwest corner of said Section 10;

Thence leaving said West line of Sections, and run Easterly, along the North line of Sections 10, 11, and 12, all in said Township 6 South, Range 10 West to the Southwest corner of Section 6, Township 6 South, Range 9 West;

Thence leaving said North line of Sections, and run Northerly, along the West line of said Township 6 South, Range 9 West, to the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 5 South, Range 9 West;

Thence continue Northerly, along the West line of Township 5 South, Range 9 West, to the Southwest corner of Section 31, Township 4 South, Range 9 West;

Thence continue Northerly, along the West line of said Township 4 South, Range 9 West, to the Northwest corner of Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 9 West;

Thence leaving said West line of Township 4 South, Range 9 West, and run Easterly along the North line of said Township 4 South, Range 9 West, to the Northwest corner of Section 6, Township 4 South, Range 8 West;

Thence continue Easterly, along the North line of said Township 4 South, Range 8 West, to the Northeast corner of Section 2, of said Township 4 South, Range 8 West;

Thence leaving said North line of Township 4 South, Range 8 West, and run Southerly, along the East line of Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, 26, and 35, to the Northeast corner of said Section 2, Township 5 South, Range 8 West;

Thence continue Southerly, along the East line of Sections 2, 11, 14, 23, and Section 26, Township 5 South, Range 8 West, to a point, being an extension of a common line between Beauregard and Allen Parishes;

Thence leaving said East line of Section 26, and run Easterly, along said extension of common line between Beauregard and Allen Parishes, to a point on the East line of Section 25, of said Township 5 South, Range 8 West, same being a point on the common line between Beauregard and Allen Parishes;

Thence leaving said extension of common line between Beauregard and Allen Parishes, and run Southerly, along the East line of said Section 25, and 36 of Township 5 South, Range 8 West, same being a common line between Beauregard and Allen Parishes, to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 6 South, Range 8 West;

Thence continue Southerly, along the East line of said Township 6 South, Range 8 West, and said common line between Beauregard and Allen Parishes, to the Northeast corner of Section 1, Township 7 South, Range 8 West;

Thence continue Southerly, along the East line of said Township 7 South, Range 8 West, and a common line of said Beauregard and Allen Parishes, to a point on the East line of Section 25, same point being a common corner between Allen and Jefferson Davis Parishes;

Thence continue Southerly, along said East line of Township 7 South, Range 8 West, and the common line between said Beauregard and Jefferson Davis Parishes, to the Point of Beginning.

Upon the establishment of Saint Pius X Catholic Church and subsequent consideration and recommendation of the Reverend Timothy Goodly, the Mission in Reeves, Louisiana, Saint Maurice, may receive pastoral care through Saint Pius X Catholic Church. The Mission of Saint Maurice will remain at this time within the canonical boundaries of Saint Philip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder, Louisiana. At the discretion of the diocesan bishop in consultation with the Presbyteral Council and the pastors of Saints Pius X and Philip Neri Catholic Churches, a decision will be made with regard to the canonical status and the pastoral care of Saint Maurice.

The newly established parish of Saint Pius X Catholic Church is not to be burdened with any of the financial debts or obligations of Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church in DeQuincy, Louisiana, or Saint Theodore Catholic Church in Moss Bluff, Louisiana. Furthermore, as of the date of its erection as a parish, the properties and buildings as well as the residence and temporal goods purchased or acquired by Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy, Louisiana, or by Saint Theodore in Moss Bluff, Louisiana, for the mission of Saint Pius X become the properties and temporal goods of the new parish, namely Saint Pius X. With the exception of the properties and buildings and temporal goods mentioned above, the Parish of Saint Pius X is not to receive any patrimonial goods of Our Lady of LaSalette in DeQuincy, Louisiana, or by Saint Theodore in Moss Bluff, Louisiana (cf. can. 122); an Act of Donation of properties, et cetera shall be given in the civil Articles of Constitution in fulfillment of Louisiana State Law by the respective parishes of St. Theodore Catholic Church and Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church.

Provision of the office of Pastor and other parochial offices shall be governed by the norms of the Code of Canon Law and the particular law of the Diocese of Lake Charles. The Reverend Timothy Goodly will be the Founding Pastor (cf. can. 523).

The following are to be in place expeditiously:

Parish registers and a parish seal are to be obtained, and a secure storage area/archive is to be established for the preservation of important documents (cf. can. 535).

A parish Pastoral Council is to be established (cf. can. 536).

A parish Finance Council is to be established (cf. can. 537).

Two Parish Trustees are to be recommended by the pastor and appointed by the diocesan bishop in accord with particular law of the Diocese of Lake Charles (cf. Policy 502).

The effective date of the establishment of the new parish shall be that of its Patronal Feast, Saint Pius X, August 21, 2014, on the Memorial of Saint Pius X. The publication of this decree in the official diocesan publication, The Catholic Calendar, will be presumed as the official notification of this action.

ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY NOT WITHSTANDING.

Signed at the Chancery in Lake Charles, Louisiana under Our Seal the twelfth day of August in the Year of our Lord, 2014.

†The Most Reverend Glen John Provost  
Bishop of Lake Charles

The Reverend Deacon George Stearns  
Chancellor

# Diocesan positions announced

LAKE CHARLES – Sister Miriam MacLean, RSM, has taken the position of Director of the Office of Religious Education for the Diocese, Deacon Glen Bertrand has been appointed Director of Development, and Deacon Erroll DeVille is now the Ecumenical Director for the Diocese.

Sr. Miriam, a native of Manchester, N.H., recently professed Vows of Poverty, Chastity, Obedience, and Service of the Poor, Sick and Ignorant; and to persevere until death in the Institute of the Religious Sisters of Mercy of Alma, Michigan.

She is a graduate of Catholic University of America with a Masters of Social Work degree and holds a Bachelors Degree in Theology from Ave Maria University. Sr. Miriam also has done graduate work to an MA in Theology at Franciscan University and doctoral studies for a Ph.D. in Social Work at Michigan State University.

Her responsibilities in the Office of Religious Education will be to oversee catechists, maintain and develop curriculums, facilitate monthly meetings for religious education leaders and plan retreats.

Deacon Bertrand and Deacon DeVille were both ordained to the permanent diaconate on August 16 along with 15 other men of the diocese.

Deacon Bertrand is a parishioner of St. Joseph Catholic Church in DeRidder, where he has also been assigned as deacon. A native of Jennings, Deacon Bertrand



Sr. Miriam MacLean, RSM

has 42 years of experience in the banking industry in Southwest Louisiana. He is a graduate of McNeese State University with a degree in Finance.

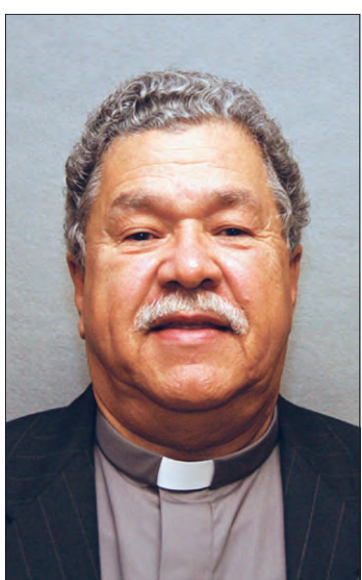
He currently serves as the chairman of the Southwest Chamber of Commerce and Alliance, the Diocesan Pastoral Council while sitting on the board of directors for Catholic Charities of Southwest Louisiana and McNeese State University Foundation.

Deacon DeVille, a parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church in Lake Charles was assigned there at his diaconate ordination.

In his additional role, he will represent Bishop Glen John Provost at any ecumenical gathering to which the Bishop assigns him, including gatherings and prayer services not specifically sponsored by the Diocese. In particular, Deacon DeVille



Deacon Glen Bertrand



Deacon Erroll DeVille

will attend the meetings and deliberations of the Louisiana Interchurch Conference and the Lake Area Ministerial Association.

Deacon DeVille is a native of Lake Charles and attended Southern University in Baton Rouge and McNeese State University.

## "Come and See" Evening for Vocations

LAKE CHARLES – An Evening of Reflection for Vocations for men and women ages 16 years or older is set for Thursday, Oct. 2, from 4:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Student Center, 221 Aqua Drive.

Anyone who has ever thought God might be calling them to the priesthood or religious life should consider being part of this evening of prayer and informative talks on discerning a vocation.

Mass will be celebrated at 4:30 p.m. and the program includes Adoration and Confession, as well as testimony from priests and religious sisters. Supper is provided.

There is no registration or fee required. Contact Fr. Nathan Long at nathan.long@lcdioocese.org for more information.

# Bishop Provost's Prayer for the Family

Heavenly Father, You willed that man and woman should be one and that from this union should come children to enrich the human family. You also willed that Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, would establish the Sacrament of Matrimony, which is, as the Sacred Scriptures reveal it, a holy image of the union between Christ and His Church. Through these profound mysteries, deeply rooted in Your Divine Intention, our family comes into existence, a sign of Your abiding love and its fulfillment in Eternal Life.

Bless our family. Since we often fail to live the ideal of our vocation, we beg You to help us. Grant us grace to overcome selfishness, to extend forgiveness, and to foster patience. Protect us in our struggle with disruptions to family life, with human pride, and with lack of generosity. Bring peace to parents who worry and direction to children who wander. Comfort the members of our family weakened by age and infirmity. Guide families who strive for unity and those divided by separation. Direct them to rest in Your Will and to resolve their difficulties.

We humbly ask the intercession of Mary, our mother, and of St. Joseph, the faithful husband, and of St. Joachim and St. Ann, the venerable grandparents, who became a holy family to Your Son. May our prayers be united to theirs through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

# Bishop erects fourth deanery for Diocese

LAKE CHARLES – Correcting a “geographic inequity,” Bishop Glen John Provost has created a fourth deanery in the Diocese of Lake Charles – the South Deanery – with parishes formerly part of the West and Central deaneries.

Very Reverend Anthony Fontenot, the former dean of the East Deanery and now pastor of Christ the King Catholic Church in Lake Charles, is the founding dean of the South Deanery. The establishment of the new deanery was announced at the Ordination Mass for 17 permanent deacons held Saturday, Aug. 16.

Parishes that make up this new deanery are Christ the King, Lake Charles; Our Lady Star of the Sea, Cameron; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Creole; St. Eugene, Grand Chenier; St. John Vianney, Bell City; and St. Mary of the Lake, Big Lake, including its mission in Sweetlake, St. Patrick.

The four churches in the civil parish of Cameron were formerly in the West Deanery while the two from Calcasieu Parish were formerly in the Central Deanery.

The formation of the South Deanery acknowledges the ongoing concern and interest of the Bishop and the Diocese in the church parishes along the coast.

The Code of Canon Law grants to the bishop the ability to join neighboring parishes into special groups – deaneries. The dean of the group, also known as a vicar forane, has specific duties as dean:

- promotion and coordination of the common pastoral activity within the deanery;
- seeing that the clerics of the deanery lead a life in harmony with their state in life and perform their duties with diligence;
- seeing that religious functions follow Church norms;
- seeing that the good appearance of churches and sacred furnishings are maintained;
- seeing that parish books are correctly managed;
- seeing that the parish rectory is well maintained;
- making sure that clerics, following the norms of the diocese and the norms of Canon 272, attend theological lectures, meetings, or conferences;
- making sure that the priests of the deanery have access to spiritual helps and aid in

difficult pastoral circumstances; and making sure that pastors in his deanery are well cared for when they are sick or dying.

Additionally, the dean must follow the particular norms of the diocese. Canon 555 also particularly mentions that a dean must visit the parishes of the district in accord with the regulations made by the diocesan bishop.

Formerly, the dean of the West Deanery had responsibility for parishes from St. Joseph in DeRidder to St. Eugene in Grand Chenier, an inordinately long distance.

“It was a challenge for the dean,” Bishop Provost said. “The reconfiguration will enhance the service and ministry the dean can offer to the churches of south Lake Charles, Bell City, and Cameron.”

The Central Deanery, led by the Very Reverend Marcus Johnson, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary in Lake Charles, includes The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Lake Charles; Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lake Charles; Our Lady of Good Counsel, Lake Charles; Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Lake Charles; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Lake Charles; St. Henry, Lake Charles; St. Margaret of Scotland, Lake Charles; St. Martin de Porres, Lake Charles; St. Raphael, Iowa; and St. Theodore, Moss Bluff.

The East Deanery under the leadership of the Very Reverend Jacob Scott Conner, pastor of St. Joan of Arc in Oberlin is made up of Immaculate Conception, Jennings; Our Lady Help of Christians, Jennings; Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Jennings; Our Lady of Seven Dolours, Welsh; Our Lady of the Lake, Lake Arthur; Sacred Heart of Jesus, Oakdale; St. Charles Borromeo, Fenton; St. Joan of Arc, Oberlin; St. Joseph, Elton; St. Joseph, Welsh; St. Lawrence, Raymond; St. Paul, Elton; and St. Philip Neri, Kinder.

Parishes in the West Deanery, led by the Very Reverend Aubrey Guilbeau, pastor of Immaculate Conception in Maplewood includes Immaculate Conception, Maplewood; Our Lady of LaSalette, DeQuincy; Our Lady of LaSalette, Sulphur;

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Sulphur; St. John Bosco, Westlake; St. Joseph, DeRidder; St. Joseph, Vinton; St. Peter the Apostle, Hackberry; St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, Carlyss; and the new parish of St. Pius X, Ragley.



The 17 deacon candidates were presented by being called forth by name. Each stood and answered “present.” Bishop Provost then ensured that the men were suitable for ordination, hearing from Msgr. Ronald Groth, co-director of permanent diaconate formation, as to their spiritual and educational fitness. He then announced to the men and all those present that he had chosen the candidates for ordination, at which congregation erupted in applause.

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Weiniger, Saint Joseph, DeRidder; Rev. Deacon Keith Ellender, Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus, Carlyss; and Rev. Deacon Glen Bertrand, Saint Joseph, DeRidder.

The Bishop had accepted the men as candidates on June 11, 2012 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church in Lake Charles; instituted the group as lectors on October 3, 2012 at St. Phil-

ip Neri Catholic Church in Kinder; and instituted them as acolytes on August 10, 2013, during a liturgy at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Sulphur.

Deacons, whether permanent or transitional - those men who are to be later ordained to the priesthood - are ordained clergy just like priests and bishops. The ministries that deacons perform include the teaching mission of the Church, caring for the poor, performing bap-

tisms and marriages (when given those faculties by the diocesan bishop), conducting funeral liturgies, presiding at wake services and assisting the priest at Mass by proclaiming the Gospel, preaching, leading the intercessions, preparing the altar, and intoning the dismissal. Most are engaged in outside occupations. Some are retired and still others have full time ministries within the diocese or at their assigned parish.

## GALA

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and from the bandstand that night, and the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public, including a photograph with Bishop Provost. Each of the Platinum Sponsorships is \$20,000.

Gold sponsors receive a table for 10 with special seating, recognition in the Gala program and from the bandstand that night, and the VIP social from 6 to 6:30 p.m. before the Gala opens to the public, including a pho-

tograph with Bishop Provost for a \$10,000 donation.

For \$5,000, Silver Sponsors receive a table for 10 with special seating and recognition in the Gala program while Crystal sponsorships of \$3,000 each get a table for 10 and recognition in the Gala program.

Call Msgr. Torres at 337-439-7400 for additional information on these special sponsorships.

Participation in this wonderful event provides for the continuation of the production and airing of the *Glad Tidings* television program

each Sunday morning at 6 o'clock on KPLC-TV. The preparation and publication of the *Catholic Calendar* in five regional newspapers is made possible by attendance at the Gala. The website of the Diocese - [lcdioocese.org](http://lcdioocese.org) - is, in part, maintained and upgraded continually through the purchase of a Gala ticket or table. The broadcast of the 9:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on two local radio stations is also made possible, in part, by participation in this gala evening.

## Wooden crosses on sale at Tabor Retreat House

MOSS BLUFF – Crosses made from reclaimed wood previously used in the walkway from Tabor Retreat House at Saint Charles Center to the West Fork of the Calcasieu River are now on sale for \$25.

The walkway, which was initially built in 1998 due to the generosity of the A.J.M. “Bubba” Oustalet family, was recently refurbished through the hard work and determination of many volunteers.

The wood that was replaced has been cut and shaped into beautiful crosses, on which are stamped Saint Charles Center and its logo.

Examples of the crosses are available for viewing and can be purchased at Tabor Retreat House or can be reserved by calling 337-855-1232 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.



## Catholic organizations involved with Faith Build for ‘Habitat’

LAKE CHARLES – Parishioners of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, and members of the Knights of Columbus are part of a 20-congregation group taking part in a “Faith Build” for Habitat for Humanity beginning in October.

The Habitat residence will be located on Haskell Street, off U.S. 171.

Members of the religious and fraternal mentioned above and others are seeking construction volunteers and donations to assist with the cost of materials for the house, which is about \$87,500, according to Jack Brooks, a

“Faith Build” volunteer from the Cathedral.

“The ‘Faith Build’ is dedicated to the idea that our local churches can come together to address the very real issue of poverty housing here in Southwest Louisiana,” explained Janeal McCauley, Habitat for Humanity’s Faith Engagement Coordinator. “Habitat works with local churches, organizations, and volunteers to build more than houses, we build hope.”

Besides volunteering to take part in the construction of the house, there are a number of sponsorship opportunities available, according to Brooks.

“A donation of \$20 provides a box of nails while a gift of \$150 will purchase a window for the residence,” Brooks said. “Donations for things like ceiling fans and lights (\$600); the driveway (\$3,000), or the concrete slab (\$10,000) on which the house will sit can be made along with a variety of others.”

Mail donations to Habitat for Humanity, 3551 Avenue C, Lake Charles, LA 70615 as well as to learn details on volunteering. Information on volunteering is also available from Brooks or his wife Sue at 337-478-4590 or by mail at 925 Terry Lane, Lake Charles, LA 70605.

## Diocesan Briefs.....

### Glad Tidings program pre-empted Sept. 28

LAKE CHARLES – The regular 6 a.m. airing of Glad Tidings on KPLC-TV will be pre-empted on Sunday, Sept. 28, will be pre-empted by NBC’s Ryder Cup golf coverage.

The program may be viewed at the diocesan website by clicking on Resources and then the Glad Tidings link in the list.

### Mass at Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School

JENNINGS – Mass with second, third, and fourth graders of Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School is set for 8 a.m. Wednesday, September 24, in the Oratory.

In celebration of the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the school will host its annual Blessing of the Animals at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, October 1, in the courtyard.

### Lay Carmelites set informational meeting

LAKE CHARLES – The Lay Carmelites of St. Thérèse Little Flower Community #1916 will host an informational meeting on Monday, Sept. 29, at 6 p.m. in the Conference Room of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Family Life Center.

Call Ruth McDaniel at 337-536-3085 or Connie Edwards at 337-532-2000 for more information.

### Public Square Rosaries slated

LAKE CHARLES – Public Square Rosaries will be held at noon on Saturday, Oct. 11, on the grounds of St. Henry Catholic Church and Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church. In case of inclement weather the praying of the rosary will be held in the respective churches.

The Public Square Rosary Rally is sponsored by America Needs Fatima, an organization that encourages prayer for intentions such as world peace, families, and respect for life.

### First Friday, Saturday Devotions at Cathedral

LAKE CHARLES – First Friday and Saturday Devotions have begun at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception,

according to Rev. Rommel Tolentino, pastor.

Following the First Friday 12:05 p.m. Mass, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the Altar of the Sacred Heart for Adoration.

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed on the Altar of Our Lady from 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. on each First Saturday, followed by Benediction and celebration of the Extraordinary Form of the Liturgy starting at 8 a.m.

### Homecoming events set at St. Louis Catholic

LAKE CHARLES – St. Louis Catholic High School Homecoming Week is October 6-12 and includes the parade and pep rally over a route that includes Seventh, Ninth, and Eleventh streets and along Enterprise Boulevard and Kirkman Street.

The Saints play the Jennings Bulldogs, Friday, Oct. 10, in Cougar Stadium at 7 p.m. The Alumni Tour and Brunch is Sunday, Oct. 12 at 10:30 a.m. in the school. Call 337-436-7275 for more information.

### Members sought for KC Council 1207

LAKE CHARLES – Men are being sought to become part of the revived Calcasieu Council 1207 Knights of Columbus. The council has been inactive since June 1999 and an effort to revive it continues to grow.

Men interested in being a part of the revitalization of Calcasieu Council 1207 should contact John Day at 337-274-6886 or e-mail: [john.day@kofc.org](mailto:john.day@kofc.org).

### Masses in the Extraordinary Form

LAKE CHARLES – The celebration of Mass in the Extraordinary Form in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conceptions takes place each Sunday at 5 p.m., at 8 a.m. on each First Saturday, and on Mondays at 5:30 p.m.

### Together for Life Marriage Preparation

MOSS BLUFF – Together for Life, a weekend marriage preparation event, sponsored by the Office of Family Life, is

Saturday and Sunday,

Oct. 18-19, with Saturday’s events at Taber Retreat House at Saint Charles Center and Sunday at the Diocesan Chancery, 414 Iris Street.

For more information, call 337-439-7400, Ext. 301. A registration form is available at [www.live.lcdioocese.org/forms.html](http://www.live.lcdioocese.org/forms.html).

### Red Mass October 10

LAKE CHARLES – Bishop Glen John Provost will be the celebrant and homilist for the annual Red Mass set for 8:30 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10, in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Following the liturgy, Bishop Provost will deliver the invocation for the Opening of Court in the Courtroom A of the Historic Calcasieu Parish Courthouse.

Judges, attorneys, and government officials from the five civil parishes of the Diocese of Lake Charles – Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, and Jefferson Davis – are invited to attend. The local St. Thomas More Society, Judge Henry Yelverton Chapter, and the Diocese sponsor the event.

### Bishop’s Dinner for Scouting upcoming

LAKE CHARLES – The Bishop’s Dinner for Catholic Scouting Awards is set Sunday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. in the Hall of Knights of Columbus Council 4562 of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church on Ernest Street.

A variety of medals earned through the Religious Emblem programs of Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, Camp Fire, American Heritage Scouts and others.

Some of the awards that could be presented include the Family of God, I Live My Faith, and Mary, the First Disciple for girls and Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Altare Dei and the Pope Pius XII for boys. Adult recognition for service to Scouting can come in the form of the Bronze Pelican. Bishop Glen John Provost, aided by Father Matthew Cormier, Chaplain for the Catholic Committee on Scouting, will present the awards.